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WORLD LARD PRODUCTION AND TRADE IN 1972

Production

World lard production declined slightly in 1972 after 2 years of continuous growth and record output. U.S. production dropped 20 percent to 1.56 billion pounds. Fewer hogs (10 percent) were slaughtered in the United States in 1972. The average live weight of the animals slaughtered was unchanged from 1971 levels, but lard yields fell 1 pound to 7.8 pounds per 100 pounds live weight, a record low. Trends toward production of a meatier-type hog combined with less trimming due to high pork prices account for the decline in U.S. lard yields.

World lard production is expected to be down slightly in 1973 as a result of further declines in lard yields in the United States. Based on a 2-percent increase forecast in pork production in the European Community (EC-9) in 1973, lard output from the area should at least equal 1972 levels, and perhaps be a little greater.

Trade

World trade in lard increased slightly in 1972. Increased intra-EC trade and larger East European production reduced import requirements and increased export availabilities.

U.S. lard exports in 1972 totaled 164 million pounds — the lowest since 1966. The 42-percent decline from year earlier shipments was due to smaller domestic supplies and greater subsidized competition from EC countries for the U.K. market — our major export outlet for lard. Due to a 58-percent increase in the EC subsidy on lard exports to 3.31 cents per pound on May 17, 1972, the EC delivered price of lard in the United Kingdom in 1972 averaged 4 cents per pound under U.S. delivered prices, compared with 2.4 cents in 1971.

U.K. lard imports were 485 million pounds in 1972 — a high for recent years. The EC countries supplied 62 percent of the total imports while the U.S. share dwindled to 25 percent from 57 percent in 1971.

World lard trade this year should be below 1972 levels because of tight supplies in many of the major producing countries. A further decline in U.S. lard exports to the United Kingdom is expected. In February of this year, the United Kingdom became a transitional member of the EC — a move which gave lard exports from member countries a decided advantage over U.S. exports. Prior to February 1, lard imports entered the United Kingdom duty free with no minimum price requirements. As of July 9, the U.K. levy on imports from third countries amounted to 2.6 cents per pound and minimum import prices were 14.4 cents per pound.

TABLE 1-- LARD : PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1963-67, ANNUAL 1968-72
IN MILLIONS OF POUNDS

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1963-67	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972 1/
NORTH AMERICA:						
CANADA	125.4	130.5	115.4	121.4	138.5	123.0
MEXICO	104.6	119.3	116.0	118.6	123.5	153.4
UNITED STATES	2,199.2	2,062.0	1,904.0	1,913.0	1,960.0	1,558.0
OTHER	47.0	51.3	52.6	53.7	53.6	54.6
TOTAL	2,476.2	2,363.0	2,187.9	2,206.7	2,275.5	1,889.1
SOUTH AMERICA:						
ARGENTINA	64.4	60.4	67.7	69.5	81.1	69.8
BRAZIL	194.6	214.5	202.7	226.6	220.7	236.2
CHILE	8.6	11.4	11.5	12.1	12.3	13.1
COLOMBIA	4.8	5.7	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.5
PERU	14.4	13.2	12.2	13.8	16.3	17.2
URUGUAY	3.6	3.2	3.5	3.2	2.5	2.8
VENEZUELA	9.6	12.0	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.9
TOTAL	299.8	320.4	317.0	344.7	352.5	358.5
EUROPE:						
WESTERN:						
EC:						
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG	46.0	62.8	63.5	79.1	84.7	89.7
DENMARK	85.0	88.0	84.4	85.3	90.8	91.1
FRANCE	157.6	162.0	145.5	145.5	143.3	143.3
GERMANY, WEST	595.4	677.3	686.1	707.2	753.1	758.4
IRELAND	4.8	4.9	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.8
ITALY	158.6	195.1	182.8	175.0	189.6	219.8
NETHERLANDS	52.2	75.9	65.4	69.9	85.6	84.9
UNITED KINGDOM	23.4	24.9	26.0	25.8	27.6	26.0
TOTAL EC	1,123.0	1,290.9	1,259.0	1,293.5	1,380.4	1,419.0
AUSTRIA	74.8	73.4	72.8	71.2	70.1	67.7
FINLAND	4.6	5.3	5.5	6.4	8.2	8.4
GREECE	7.6	7.8	8.8	10.1	12.1	14.3
NORWAY	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	3.0
PORTUGAL	19.2	22.7	24.5	21.6	22.6	24.3
SPAIN	48.6	61.7	63.9	72.8	70.5	70.5
SWEDEN	18.4	20.5	18.1	17.9	19.2	20.7
SWITZERLAND	20.2	23.4	26.5	26.0	27.3	30.6
TOTAL WESTERN	1,318.4	1,508.1	1,481.8	1,522.0	1,613.2	1,658.5

EASTERN:						
BULGARIA	73.4	88.4	76.2	66.7	---	---
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	196.4	212.5	201.9	210.1	224.7	255.5
GERMANY,EAST	297.6	337.4	337.7	321.1	336.5	---
HUNGARY	161.6	186.9	166.1	171.2	208.1	---
POLAND	502.8	525.0	534.6	522.3	536.2	---
YUGOSLAVIA	260.8	262.4	230.4	265.4	320.1	300.0
TOTAL EASTERN	1,492.2	1,612.5	1,547.0	1,556.9	2/ 1,704.1	2/ 1,908.2
TOTAL EUROPE	2,810.8	3,120.5	3,028.7	3,078.9	2/ 3,317.3	2/ 3,566.8
U.S.S.R	1,533.6	1,551.2	1,556.9	1,727.7	2,015.6	2,129.7
AFRICA:						
SOUTH AFRICA,REP.OF	20.2	22.7	28.0	24.1	20.4	20.5
TOTAL	20.2	22.7	28.0	24.1	20.4	20.5
ASIA:						
CHINA,REP.OF (TAIWAN)	55.4	71.0	76.5	86.0	90.4	---
JAPAN	110.4	143.4	140.1	178.6	206.6	212.2
PHILIPPINES	95.6	119.0	126.5	122.0	123.5	131.0
TOTAL	261.4	333.4	343.1	386.7	420.5	2/ 435.3
OCEANIA:						
AUSTRALIA 3/	15.4	19.8	19.9	21.6	22.1	23.6
NEW ZEALAND 3/	1.6	1.0	.7	.5	.6	.4
TOTAL	17.2	20.8	20.5	22.1	22.6	24.0
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	7,419.2	7,732.1	7,482.2	7,790.8	2/ 8,424.5	2/ 8,423.9

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2/ INCLUDES AN ALLOWANCE FOR ANY MISSING DATA FOR COUNTRIES SHOWN.
3/ YEAR ENDING JUNE 30

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TABLE 2-- LARD : INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SELECTED COUNTRIES, AVERAGE 1964-68, ANNUAL 1969-72

IN MILLIONS OF POUNDS

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1964-68		1969		1970		1971		1972 1/	
	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	IMPORTS	EXPORTS	IMPORTS
NORTH AMERICA:										
BRITISH HONDURAS	---	2.9	---	3.1	---	2/3.3	---	2/2.6	---	2/2.6
CANADA	---	23.5	---	30.2	---	20.8	.6	13.4	---	21.6
CUBA 3/	---	102.3	---	143.3	---	165.3	---	154.3	---	165.3
HAITI 2/	---	6.3	---	3.4	---	1.2	---	1.4	---	3.2
MEXICO 2/	---	14.6	---	35.2	---	44.5	---	26.0	---	26.3
PANAMA	---	2.7	---	1.7	---	.9	---	---	---	---
UNITED STATES	290.9	---	261.9	---	365.9	---	282.3	.5	164.4	.3
TOTAL	290.9	152.4	261.9	216.9	366.0	236.0	282.9	198.2	4/164.8	219.2
SOUTH AMERICA:										
ARGENTINA	18.9	---	24.2	---	27.6	---	23.8	---	13.2	---
BOLIVIA	---	22.2	---	34.5	---	5/21.6	---	5/14.9	---	5/20.7
CHILE	---	14.4	---	10.9	---	4.2	---	5/ 6.6	---	5/ 5.6
PERU	---	2.6	---	---	---	1.4	---	1.6	---	.8
TOTAL	18.9	39.3	24.2	45.4	27.6	27.2	23.8	23.1	13.2	27.0
EUROPE:										
WESTERN:										
EC:										
BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG 6/	47.8	15.2	113.5	62.7	64.5	38.2	46.9	20.6	59.6	18.7
DENMARK	31.3	.4	22.1	3.0	20.3	3.6	17.5	5.5	21.4	11.7
FRANCE	88.9	.3	71.5	.2	64.4	.3	59.7	.1	59.4	.7
GERMANY, WEST	14.4	12.8	37.1	5.8	31.0	9.6	48.2	6.8	73.9	4.3
IRELAND	1.7	1.3	1.2	.3	1.4	.7	1.1	3.5	.8	5.8
ITALY	33.0	.3	48.0	---	12.3	---	23.6	.1	37.2	1.3
NETHERLANDS 6/	88.6	7.4	96.3	23.0	125.4	21.7	125.1	17.6	143.3	26.6
UNITED KINGDOM	3.2	466.4	1.7	392.4	2.2	418.1	1.7	450.6	1.7	484.6
TOTAL EC	309.0	504.1	391.3	487.4	321.5	492.2	323.8	504.8	397.3	553.5
AUSTRIA	---	.1	.8	---	.3		1.6		2.1	2.3
MALTA	---	2.0	---	2.4	---	1.9	---	1.9	---	1.5
NORWAY	---	.3	---	1.0	---	.3	---	.3	---	.1
PORTUGAL	.1	4.0	.4	1.2	.3	.9	.3	3.7	---	---
SPAIN	---	.7	8.8	.4	28.5	.1	22.7	.1	---	---
SWEDEN	6.3	.7	6.7	.2	5.9	.6	7.9	1.0	9.1	.4
SWITZERLAND	5.5	.4	11.5	.2	10.3		10.9	.1	13.8	.1
TOTAL WESTERN	321.0	512.3	419.4	492.6	366.8	496.1	367.1	511.7	4/444.6	4/561.3

EASTERN:										
BULGARIA 3/	30.9	.4	33.1	---	35.9	.2	33.1	---	35.3	---
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 5/	---	22.3	---	24.0	---	34.6	---	27.3	---	22.0
HUNGARY	8.0	26.3	13.7	17.1	4.3	26.7	39.8	9.0	3/103.2	---
POLAND	21.9	18.7	---	29.4	---	65.1	---	75.8	---	3/33.1
ROMANIA 3/	26.0	---	22.0	---	15.4	---	13.2	---	15.4	---
YUGOSLAVIA	---	14.3		17.3	---	14.7	---	13.3	---	1.5
TOTAL EASTERN	86.7	82.0	68.8	87.9	55.7	141.4	86.1	125.4	153.9	56.6
TOTAL EUROPE	407.7	594.4	488.2	580.5	422.5	637.5	453.2	637.1	4/598.5	4/ 617.9
U.S.S.R.	111.0	17.3	198.9	2.6	196.0	2.9	259.7	2.9	3/270.5	3/2.9
ASIA:										
HONG KONG	4.6	4.7	3.7	4.9	2.5	4.0	4.1	4.8	2.8	4.4
JAPAN	2.9	10.1	6.4	5.3	5.0	3.6	7.0	2.5	6.9	3.0
KOREA,REP.OF	---	4.1	---	23.8	---	4.0	---	7.3	---	---
SINGAPORE	1.0	1.7	1.2	3.0	.6	2.1	.7	3.8	---	---
TOTAL	8.6	20.7	11.4	37.0	8.1	13.7	11.8	18.3	4/10.6	4/17.9
TOTAL SELECTED COUNTRIES	837.1	824.0	984.5	882.4	1,020.2	917.3	1,031.5	879.6	4/1,057.6	4/ 885.0

1/ PRELIMINARY.
2/ UNITED STATES EXPORTS.
3/ SOURCE: OIL WORLD
4/ INCLUDES AN ALLOWANCE FOR ANY MISSING DATA FOR COUNTRIES SHOWN.
5/ FROM PRINCIPAL EXPORTING COUNTRIES.
6/ EXPORTS INCLUDE LARD PROCESSED FROM IMPORTED HOG GREASE.

NOTE: A DASH DENOTES NO TRADE OR TRADE LESS THAN 50,000 POUNDS.

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Table 3--Lard: Production and exports, world and U.S. annual 1969-72

Year	World		United States			
					Exports as percent of	
	Production	Exports	Production	Exports	World exports	U.S. production
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Percent	Percent
Annual:						
1969	7,482.2	984.5	1,904.0	261.9	26.6	13.8
1970	7,790.8	1,020.2	1,913.0	365.9	35.9	19.1
1971	8,424.5	1,031.5	1,960.0	282.3	27.4	14.4
1972 1/ ...	8,423.9	1,057.6	1,558.0	164.4	15.5	10.6

1/ Preliminary.

Table 4--Lard: Exports of specified countries by country of destination, annual 1969-72

Exporting country and country of destination	1969	1970	1971	1972 1/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United States:				
United Kingdom	186.5	259.3	229.7	116.1
Mexico	35.2	44.5	26.0	26.3
Canada	19.9	16.1	9.2	11.8
Haiti	3.4	1.2	1.4	3.2
British Honduras	2.8	3.3	2.6	2.6
Belgium and Luxembourg	.7	2.1	2.8	1.4
Germany, West	.9	.8	1.0	1.2
Peru	.5	1.4	.7	.2
Korea, Republic of	6.1	2.2	.1	2/
Panama	1.2	.5	2/	2/
Poland	---	17.1	2/	---
Yugoslavia	---	14.3	5.3	---
Other countries	4.7	3.1	3.5	1.6
Total	261.9	365.9	282.3	164.4
Belgium and Luxembourg: 3/				
United Kingdom	75.8	42.3	30.8	52.1
Netherlands	---	3.6	.7	1.6
Japan	27.6	.7	---	1.2
Cuba	---	7.9	7.3	---
Poland	---	8.9	6.4	---
Other countries	10.1	1.1	1.7	4.7
Total	113.5	64.5	46.9	59.6
Netherlands: 3/				
United Kingdom	41.9	33.3	61.3	98.6
Bolivia	20.5	10.5	14.9	20.7
Brazil	1.4	2/	---	9.0
Chile	2.2	5.3	6.7	5.6
Japan	6.2	4.3	1.9	2.6
Germany, West	2.3	5.6	3.1	1.4
Hong Kong	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.2
Peru	---	.1	.9	.4
Cuba	4.9	41.9	26.9	---
Belgium and Luxembourg	8.1	10.7	---	---
Poland	---	6.6	2.8	---
Other countries	6.9	5.8	5.4	3.8
Total	96.3	125.4	125.1	143.3

(Continued)

Table 4--Lard: Exports of specified countries by country of destination, annual 1969-72 (continued)

Exporting country and country of destination	1969	1970	1971	1972 1/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
France:				
United Kingdom	22.8	24.1	35.6	42.5
Belgium and Luxembourg	43.6	20.0	10.7	9.5
Reunion	2.5	3.9	2.4	3.3
Netherlands	.5	2.6	2.6	1.5
Cuba	---	8.2	5.8	---
Other countries	2.1	5.6	2.6	2.6
Total	71.5	64.4	59.7	59.4
Germany, West:				
Netherlands	17.9	17.7	24.3	30.5
United Kingdom	8.9	6.9	10.5	27.4
Denmark	2.9	3.3	6.0	11.4
Belgium and Luxembourg	6.4	2.6	5.6	3.3
Other countries	1.0	.5	1.8	1.3
Total	37.1	31.0	48.2	73.9
Denmark:				
United Kingdom	17.5	13.2	14.8	18.7
Germany, West	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.4
Other countries	1.4	3.9	.3	.3
Total	22.1	20.3	17.5	21.4
USSR:				
Czechoslovakia	24.0	34.6	27.1	---
Yugoslavia	27.3	14.3	5.1	---
Hungary	11.0	12.1	---	---
Bulgaria	11.7	12.1	19.2	---
Vietnam, North	4.4	4.4	4.4	---
Austria	---	5.1	26.7	---
Egypt	---	6.4	13.2	---
Other countries	120.5	107.0	164.0	---
Total	198.9	196.0	259.7	4/270.5
Italy:				
United Kingdom	27.8	.5	14.0	36.7
Poland	---	3.9	9.3	---
Cuba	9.9	1.2	---	---
Hungary	3.8	4.5	---	---
Other countries	6.5	2.2	.3	.5
Total	48.0	12.3	23.6	37.2

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 50,000 pounds.
3/ Includes lard processed from imported hog greases.
4/ Breakdown by country of destination not available.

Table 5--Lard: United Kingdom, imports by country of origin, annual 1969-71

Country of origin	1969	1970	1971	1972 1/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
United States	178.2	260.1	257.0	122.3
Belgium and Luxembourg	79.9	47.5	45.2	90.3
Netherlands	42.9	38.5	50.3	83.8
France	19.0	22.0	31.7	37.9
Italy	26.5	.5	14.5	36.6
Germany, West	9.1	8.0	11.9	35.5
Hungary	---	---	2/	19.6
Denmark	17.5	13.6	14.6	18.4
Romania	9.4	2.7	7.7	10.5
Sweden	5.1	4.3	6.5	7.0
Poland	---	.1	.3	5.9
USSR	---	---	---	5.0
Switzerland	1.5	2.7	5.4	4.2
Czechoslovakia	---	---	.1	3.9
Bulgaria	---	---	---	1.9
Spain	---	16.8	4.7	.6
Other countries	3.3	1.3	.7	1.2
Total	392.4	418.1	450.6	484.6

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Less than 50,000 pounds.

Table 6--Lard: EC trade by country of origin and destination, annual 1969-72 1/

Country	1969	1970	1971	2/ 1972
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Imports:				
Country of origin:				
United States	179.4	261.7	260.3	123.9
Hungary	---	3/	.5	29.2
Romania	9.4	2.7	7.7	10.7
Sweden	5.2	4.6	6.7	7.3
Poland	---	.2	.3	5.9
USSR	---	---	---	5.5
Czechoslovakia	---	---	.1	4.3
Switzerland	1.6	3.0	5.8	4.8
Spain	---	17.6	4.8	.6
Bulgaria	---	---	---	1.9
Germany, East	---	---	---	1.9
Other countries	3.6	1.0	.6	2.3
Total	199.2	290.8	286.8	198.3
Exports:				
Country of destination:				
Cuba	14.7	59.2	40.0	---
Bolivia	20.5	10.5	14.9	20.9
Poland	.2	21.7	20.2	---
Brazil	1.4	3/	---	13.6
Hungary	5.7	9.4	---	---
Japan	33.9	5.0	1.9	3.8
Chile	2.9	5.3	6.6	5.6
Reunion	2.5	4.0	2.4	3.3
Hong Kong	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.2
Other countries	12.2	3.0	11.0	9.0
Total	96.0	119.4	98.2	57.4

1/ Excludes intra-trade among nine-member countries.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Less than 50,000 pounds.

Table 7--Lard: Supply and distribution in the United Kingdom, annual 1969-72

Item	1969	1970	1971	1972 1/
	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds	Million pounds
Supply:				
Domestic production	26.0	25.8	27.6	26.0
Imports	392.4	418.1	450.6	484.6
Total	418.4	443.9	478.2	510.6
Distribution:				
Used in margarine and compounds	40.3	71.7	105.3	116.5
Exports	1.7	2.2	1.7	1.7
Consumption	376.4	370.0	371.2	392.4
Stock change	2/	2/	2/	2/
Total	418.4	443.9	478.2	510.6

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Not available.

Table 8--Lard: Principal foreign suppliers' percentage share of total United Kingdom imports, annual 1969-72

Supplier	1969	1970	1971	1972 1/
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
United States	45.4	62.2	57.0	25.2
EC-8	49.7	31.2	37.3	62.4
Other countries	4.9	6.6	5.7	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Preliminary.

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